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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA WEEK IN SWEDEN

SUMMARY: STOCKHOLM AFRICA GROUP IS PLANNING SOUTH AFRICA WEEK, WHICH WILL FEATURE SPEECHES, DEMONSTRATIONS, PUBLICITY, AND PROBABLY SOME HELP FROM RADIO-TV. MAJOR ATTRACTION IS VISIT OF FRELIMO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER JOAQUIM CARVALHO. PORTUGUESE POLICY SEEMS TO BE FILLING NOW AT LEAST SOME OF VOID LEFT IN SWEDISH LEFTIST GROUPS BY US WITHDRAWAL FROM VIETNAM COMBAT. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE STOCKHOLM AFRICA GROUP, AND ORGANIZATION COMPOSED OF
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MISCELLANEOUS LOCAL AFRICAN AND SWEDISH LEFTIST GROUPS,

HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL SPONSOR A SOUTH AFRICA WEEK TO CELEBRATE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF BEGINNING OF ARMED REVOLT AGAINST PORTUGUESE IN MOZAMBIQUE. JOAQUIM CARVALHO, MEMBER OF FRELIMO'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, IS HERE TO BE FEATURED SPEAKER AT MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

2. DURING HIS STAY CARVALHO WILL REPORTEDLY MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN OFFICE, SWEDISH AID AGENCY (SIDA), SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND CENTRAL LABOR ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS. THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATION IN STOCKHOLM SEPTEMBER 29. ALSO TAKING PART IN ACTIVITIES WILL PAIGC'S SCANDINAVIAN REP GIL FERNANDES AND AN UNNAMED SPOKESMAN FOR MPLA. SWEDISH TV RAN SPECIAL ON APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA SEPT 25, AND RADIO-TV WILL PROBABLY GIVE OTHER SUPPORT. NOTE: ALTHOUGH FOCUS HERE WILL BE ON PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, THE SWEDES HAVE ONLY A HAZY IDEA OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGUESE COLONIES AND THEY TEND TO LUMP THEM TOGETHER MOST OF THE TIME.

3. IN PRESS INTERVIEWS CARVALHO HAS SAID FRELIMO APPRECIATES SUPPORT GIVEN BY SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, BUT TO BE CONSISTENT IT MUST TRY TO STOP SWEDISH INVESTMENTS IN PORTUGUESE COLONIES. SWEDEN SHOULD IN EVERY WAY TRY TO ISOLATE PORTUGAL ECONOMICALLY AND CULTURALLY. CARVALHO DECLARED THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENT DURING LAST YEAR HAS PUT SOME 2300 PORTUGUESE AND RHODESIAN SOLDIERS OUT OF ACTION, SHOT DOWN 49 AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS, SUNK 13 BOATS AND DESTROYED 285 VEHICLES. FRELIMO NOW CONTROLS A FOURTH OF MOZAMBIQUE, CARVALHO CLAIMED, INCLUDING THE PROVINCES OF CABO DELGADO, NIASSA, PART OF TETE AND IS ACTIVE IN MANICA E SOFALA. FRELIMO OPERATES WITHIN 30 MILES OF THE VITAL RAILROAD BETWEEN THE PORT OF BEIRA AND RHODESIA. END UNCLASSIFIED

COMMENT: PORTUGUESE AFRICA IS BECOMING A MAJOR PREOCCUPATION OF THE GALAXY OF SWEDISH GRUPS WHO USED TO BE PREOCCUPIED WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA. ALTHOU CHILE IS MOMENTARILY THE CENTER OF ATTENTION, PORTUGAL WOULD SEEM TO HAVE LONG-TERM STAYING POWER AS A PRIMARY TARGET ON WHICH SWEDES CAN VENT THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FEELINGS OVER THE EVILS AND INJUSTICES WHICH THEY SEE ABOUNDING IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD. PORTUGAL IS EUROPEAN, A MEMBER OF NATO AND CURRENTLY THE NO. 1 EXEMPLAR IN THE IDEOLOGUE'S BOOK. OF OLD-FASHIONED COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM
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